

## DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

### Proposed Language

Amend section 1079.2 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

#### 1079.2. RDHAP Applications.

In addition to the requirements, including the processing times, set forth in Section 1076, an application for licensure as an RDHAP shall be on a form entitled "License Application for Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (rev. 5/99 3/03)", which is hereby incorporated by reference, and accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant has met either of the following requirements:

(a) Holds a current California RDH license and meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Has been engaged in clinical practice as a dental hygienist in California for a minimum of 2,000 hours during the immediately preceding 36 months. Up to 1,000 hours in hygiene clinical instruction in a Board-approved dental hygiene program during the immediately preceding 36 months may be applied to the 2,000 hour requirement, ~~and;~~

(2) Has successfully completed a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a college or institution of higher education that is accredited by a national agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education ~~on Postsecondary Accreditation~~ or the United States Department of Education, ~~and;~~ The successful completion of 120 semester units shall be considered the equivalent of a bachelor's degree.

(3) Has completed an approved RDHAP program.

(b) Has received a letter of acceptance into the employment utilization phase of the Health Manpower Pilot Project No. 155, prior to June 1, 1997.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section ~~1768~~ 1774, Business and Professions Code.